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**Response to Reply Brief**

1. The reply brief filed on 02/02/2007 has been noted. The application has been forwarded to the Board of appeal and interferences for decision on the appeal
2. The following arguments are also noted:

Appellant argues that the dependent claims have not been specifically addressed. Although it is clear from the examiners answer that the dependent claims read on the prior art of record they will be separately addressed for clarification purposes.

With regards to claims 42,44,45, 47,48,49, and 51-53 please refer to figure 2 on page 10 of examiners answer. The initiating step clearly states pushing/pressing a button which appellant admits is distant the computer on page 9 section B. calibration process of cited reference, "1. Inform the whiteboard to enter an orientation mode; this can be performed at or distant the whiteboard;" of appellants reply brief. Since appellant admits that this step can be done at the whiteboard it is clearly distant the computer as claimed in appellant's application. It should also be noted that the act of pushing a button as illustrated in the prior art of record clearly meets the limitation of initiating calibration by detecting a touch in proximity to the whiteboard since the act of pushing would require a user to touch the button that informs (detection step) the whiteboard to enter calibration/orientation mode. Further the remote control device can be interpreted as the button on the whiteboard since the white board is a device that is remote from the computer and has a button which controls the calibration initiation process of the whiteboard therefore meeting the physical limitations of the claim. Thus, it is the

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examiners position that the claim limitations of pushing a button, detecting a touch or pushing a button on a remote control device clearly read on the prior art of record.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aditya S. Bhat whose telephone number is 571-272-2270. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Barlow can be reached on 571-272-2269. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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